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President Biden,

As Europe contends with the consequences of their dependence on Russia for reliable energy, it is evident that America's vast energy resources are a vital and strategic asset in countering Russia's aggression. As you implore oil and gas producers around the world to increase production, it is imperative that you publicly and unambiguously show support for U.S. oil and natural gas production and exportation.

This demands more than just a change in your Administration's rhetoric. It will require a reversal in your Administration's legislative, regulatory, and environmental agendas which have punitively targeted oil and gas producers without scientific justification or meaningful sanctions on unregulated oil and gas producers throughout the world. In fact, you continue to allow uninhibited and nefarious international actors to expand their carbon footprint and unregulated energy production while handicapping cleaner and safer energy production at home.

Few things are as urgent and important as providing energy security to American consumers and our allies abroad. Unleashing the full power of American oil and gas production is paramount to protecting American energy independence and providing Europe and our allies with much-needed affordable and abundant energy.

In order to stabilize Europe and reduce Russia's geopolitical leverage, you must immediately take the following actions to allow for an increase in American oil and gas production:

1. Abandon the Legislative Assault on U.S. Energy Production

The 'Build Back Better' legislative agenda contains numerous tax hikes and regulatory burdens that will completely handicap the American oil and gas industry, eliminate millions of high-paying jobs, and give the green light for foreign producers to dominate the global energy economy. Proposals to implement a natural gas fee or make U.S. business taxes less competitive favor foreign companies over domestic producers in the global arena. Even the possibility of the implementation of these policies discourages public and private investment in energy projects that facilitate our ability to displace foreign oil.

2. Provide Clarity on Oil and Natural Gas Leasing

The Department of the Interior must move forward with leasing on federal public lands, as required by law. Your Administration's action to restrict new oil and gas leases on federal property increases uncertainty about future energy development projects. It is a significant concern for American producers, given the extensive consequences of blocking our domestic supply. At a time of continued and significant geopolitical friction, America must take full advantage of its onshore and offshore energy abundance – not restrict it.

3. Permit Energy Infrastructure Expansion

Your Administration has issued a litany of policies directing agencies to exclude fossil fuel projects from receiving federal funding. For example, one of the three "key objectives" in developing the Army Corps of Engineer's FY2022 Budget was to not fund "work that directly subsidizes fossil fuels including work that lowers the cost of production, lowers the cost of consumption, or raises the revenues retained by producers of fossil

fuels.” These directives not only jeopardize the viability of federal projects but deter investment in the type of infrastructure that is essential to safely transport energy to our allies around the world.

4. **End Unnecessary and Bureaucratic Regulation**

Since your first day in office, your Administration has relentlessly entangled fossil fuel projects and initiatives in new and expanded red tape. Just a few weeks ago, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) increased regulatory hurdles for approving natural gas pipelines in a party line vote. This directly hinders our ability to produce and transport U.S. natural gas within the country to be shipped overseas and adds more uncertainty in the approval process for pipelines and other core energy infrastructure. In order to preserve our energy independence, the permitting and approval process for U.S. energy infrastructure must be transparent, consistent, and streamlined.

5. **Approve and Expedite Construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline**

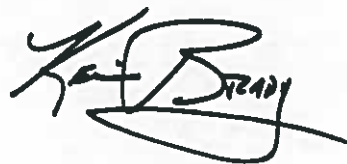
The cancellation of the Keystone XL pipeline significantly impacted our nation’s ability to produce and transport oil and gas and increased our reliance on Russia and OPEC nations. The pipeline would have transported 830,000 barrels per day; yet we currently import 595,000 barrels of oil per day from Russia. Additionally, the Keystone XL pipeline would strengthen the North American energy supply chain while reducing our dependence on foreign oil. More American pipeline infrastructure allows for expanded exports to Europe and our allies that are forced to rely on adversarial nations for energy.

Now more than ever, it is critical your Administration protects U.S. energy independence by promoting domestic oil and gas production and expanding our exporting ability. American natural gas production has grown substantially since 2018 and is well-equipped to provide significant and cleaner amounts of energy to Europe and the rest of the world, but only if our leaders commit to commonsense policies.

Sincerely,



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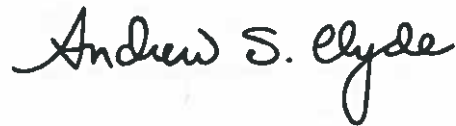
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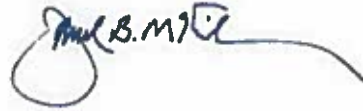
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